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**DEFENDANT INDICTED FOR BANK FRAUD, AGGRAVATED
IDENTITY THEFT AND CREDIT CARD FRAUD**

MOBILE, AL -- Rona L. Dagg was indicted by a federal grand jury today in a four count indictment for bank fraud, aggravated identity theft and credit card fraud. The indictment charges that Dagg engaged in a scheme to defraud Chase Bank by using certain identifying information of her employer, Manning, to obtain a Chase Bank credit card for which Manning was the primary account holder and Dagg was an authorized user. Dagg ran up nearly \$13,000 on the credit card in less than a year. Dagg later misrepresented to Chase Bank that Manning was deceased so that the company would write off the credit card debt Dagg was then unable to pay. Dagg went so far as to prepare Manning's fake obituary pertaining to support her story to the credit card company.

Dagg is charged with bank fraud in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1344, aggravated identity theft, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1028(A)(a)(1), and credit card fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1029(a)(2). The bank fraud charge carries a maximum penalty of 30 years imprisonment. The credit card fraud count contains a maximum prison term of 15 years. The aggravated identity theft charge mandates a minimum sentence of two years to run consecutively with any sentence imposed for the bank and credit card fraud charges. The Indictment also includes a charge requiring Dagg to forfeit all property purchased with the illegally obtained credit card, including, among other things, bedroom furniture, wedding rings and an electronic gaming consol.

The case is being investigated by the United States Secret Service. The case is case will be prosecuted by Adam W. Overstreet of the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Alabama.

As in all criminal cases, the Indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by the defendant. The defendant of course, is presumed innocent until and unless he or she is proven guilty at trial.

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